

DRAFT Timeline for 2007 & 2008 Groundfish Management Cycle

Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC), Fish and Game Commission (FGC) meetings, and Department of Fish and Game (DFG) activities for the 2007/08 biennial groundfish management cycle.			
Date	PFMC	FGC	DFG
January 2006			<p>Groundfish Taskforce meeting: constraints, data, summary of analysis, priorities.</p> <p>January 11, Meeting in Los Alamitos / Conference Call</p> <p>Regional public meetings to review and discuss issues surrounding the range of management options and create a prioritized lists: Oakland Jan 25, Los Alamitos Jan 31</p>
February 2006	<p>GMT Meeting February 6-10 Portland</p> <p>Purpose: Further develop impact analysis of management measure alternatives</p> <p>ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MTG, to include GMT, Council staff, and NMFS staff February 7-9 Portland</p> <p>Purpose: Refine overfished species allocation recommendations.</p> <p>March briefing book deadline February 15</p>	<p>FGC Meeting February 2-3 Sacramento</p> <p>FGC Marine Subcommittee Meeting February 23,24,27,28 or March 1</p>	<p>DFG informs FGC about issues that we will be seeking guidance on @ March meeting</p> <p>DFG briefs subcommittee on stock assessment results and potential impact on selected OYs.</p> <p>Communicate with focus groups as needed February 22-28.</p> <p>Pre-Council meeting call with CA delegation March 1/2.</p> <p>April PFMC briefing book materials to EC February 22.</p>
March 2006	<p>PFMC meeting March 5-10, Seattle, WA</p> <p>PFMC and NMFS generates a range of management options for DEIS for April PFMC briefing book</p> <p>April briefing book deadline due March 15</p>	<p>FGC Meeting March 2-3 Riverside</p>	<p>Seek FGC guidance on preferred OYs for scorpionfish; minor nearshore rockfish, reaffirm cabezon in preparation for management option development and April PFMC meeting.</p> <p>End of March – conference call with Groundfish Taskforce to refine management options and get a feel for preferences.</p>

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April 2006	PFMC meeting April 2-7, Sacramento, CA Purpose: Adopt final 2007-2008 harvest specifications (ABC and OYs). Adopt a range of refined management measures and if possible preferred management measures.	FGC Marine Subcommittee Meeting April - 20-31.	DFG briefs Subcommittee on preferred OYs and discusses refinements to management options in preparation for June PFMC meeting..
May 2006	PFMC or NMFS delivers DEIS for the June briefing book. June briefing book due May 24		June PFMC briefing book documents to EC May 3
June 2006	PFMC meeting June 11-16, Foster City, CA Purpose: Take final action on 2007-2008 groundfish management measures. Determine NEPA document status as ES or EIS. Discuss Jan.-Feb., 2007 fishery regulations in context of EA or EIS.		Recreational 2007 & 2008 Groundfish Regulation Package Development: Draft ISOR to EC June 7 Draft ISOR to RM June 14 ISOR to RU June 21.
July 2006	DEIS sent to NMFS HQ		
August 2006	NMFS publishes proposed rule.	FGC Meeting August 3-4 Sacramento. Recreational 2007 & 2008 Groundfish Regulations Noticed.	
September 2006	NMFS-45 day public comment period ends on DEIS September 11		
October 2006	NMFS HQ receives FEIS October 2 NMFS sends final rule package to regional GC.	FGC Meeting October 5-6 San Diego. Discussion and adoption of 2007 & 2008 recreational groundfish regulations.	DFG prepares FSOR documents within 10-days of adoption.
November 2006	NMFS – Final rule published November 29	FGC Meeting November 2-3 Redding. Adoption and discussion meeting for 2007 & 2008 recreational groundfish regulations if necessary .	
December 2006			
January 2007	Regulations go into effect for 2007 season		Regulations go into effect for 2007 season